

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7125

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC SY

SUBJ: PROPOSED US-SYRIAN CULTURAL AGREEMENT

REF: (A) DAMASCUS 0987, (B) DAMASCUS 0667, (C) STATE 23824

(D) 74 STATE 16938

1. I AM CONCERNED THAT THERE HAS BEEN SUCH A LONG DELAY IN DEPT'S RESPONSE TO THE SYRIAN INITIATIVE OF JANUARY CONCERNING A FULBRIGHT AGREEMENT. THIS VERY ENCOURAGING MOVE ON THE SYRIANS' PART SHOULD HAVE BEEN ACTED UPON WITH DISPATCH.

2. THE DEPT AS A LONG AND DETAILED HISTORY OF OUR FIFUL BEGINNINGS IN THE FIELD OF CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE WITH SYRIA. ONE OF KEY DIFFICULTIES RESULTS FROM NECESSITY FOR

ALL MAJOR PROJECTS TO HAVE APPROVAL OF AN INTER-MINISTERIAL CULTURAL COMMITTEE, AN AUTOMATIC AND UNAVIODABLE IMPEDIMENT

WHICH WOULD BE OBIATED BY A BROAD, UNSPECIFIC CULTURAL AGREEMENT. SUCH AN AGREEMENT WAS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL B, AND IS EXEMPLIFIED BY 1968 US/SAUDI AGREE-MENT SENT FOR OUR GUIDANCE BY DEPT IN 1974. AGREE-MENTS NOW IN FORCE BETWEEN SYRIANS AND VARIOUS WESTERN EMBASSIES (FRENCH, ITALIAN, BRITISH) ALL CONFORM TO THIS MODEL IN ESSENTIALS.

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3. REQUEST SOUR PERSONAL INTERVATION TO ASSURE  
PROMOT ACTION ON THIS MATTER. WE WILL FOLLOW-UP HERE  
AS SOON AS DEPT ADVISES US IT HAS TAKEN NEXT STEP IN  
PROCESS.  
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